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SUBJECT: UNIFIL: FURTHER DEPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

1. IN DISCUSSION OF LATEST UNIGFIL DEPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENTS,
UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL URQUHART TOLD US JUNE 16 THAT
UNNY HAS JUST SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS:

- (1) TO REQUEST GOL TO FACILITATE DESPATCH OF LAF
COMMANDER TO UN ZONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (LAF COMMANDER
WOULD SERVE ALSO IN LIAISON ROLE WITH CHRISTIAN MILITIA);
- (2) TO URGE GOL TO TRANSFER LAF UNITS SOUTH PROMPTLY;
- (3) TO ENCOURAGE UNIFIL OFFICERS AND MEN TO CONDUCT
PERSONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS BY GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH
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LOCAL CHRISTIAN MILITIA COMMANDERS, SOCIALIZE TO
LIMITED EXTENT, COFFEE TOGETHER, ETC.; (4) TO CONVEY
TO MEDIA UNIFIL'S PEACEKEEPING ROLE, AS CONVEYOR OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, HARMONY, A FORCE WITH NO
ENMITY, ETC.

2. URQUHART EXPRESSED HOPE THAT STEP-BY-STEP INTRODUCTION

OF UNIFIL IN CHRISTIAN AREAS WOULD PROCEED UNINTERRUPTEDLY. IN THIS CONTEXT HE NOTED FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN MAJOR HADDAD AND NORWEGIAN BATTALION COMMANDER ON JUNE 16.

3. ON TRANSFER OF UNMO'S TO BEAUFORT CASTLE, URQUHART NOTED COOPERATION OF PLO. TWO UNMO'S (ONE U.S. AND ONE SWEDEN ON INITIAL TEAM) WERE ESCORTED TO BEAUFORT CASTLE BY FATAH PERSONNEL. PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN EN ROUTE FOR SAFETY OF UNMO'S, PARTICULARLY THROUGH AREA WHICH IS NOT UNDER FATAH CONTROL. (CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS, CASTLE AREA ITSELF IS CONTROLLED BY FATAH.) UNMO'S HAVE BEEN ENSCONCED AND ARE WELL TAKEN CARE OF IN BEAUFORT CASTLE; THEY HAVE SEPARATE BUT EQUALLY SUITABLE WORKING AND LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS AS THOSE OCCUPIED BY PLO ITSELF. UNMO ROTATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY HELICOPTER. URQUHART HOPED UNMO'S COULD BE STATIONED IN OTHER AREAS (NABATIYA) ABOVE LITANI RIVER; HE ALSO HOPED EXAMPLE OF UNMO'S NORTH OF THE LITANI RIVER WOULD FACILITATE PLACEMENT OF UN PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT CHRISTIAN AREAS. LEONARD

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